

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Wells et al.)
Serial No.: 09/838,300) Art Unit: 1723
Filed: April 20, 2001) Examiner: Cooley, Charles
For: AUTOMATIC MULTIPLE-)
DECANTING CENTRIFUGE)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commission of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia

SIR:

In further response to the Office Action of August 29, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

42. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim

38 wherein said holder comprises a frame pivotally
mounted to a rotor of said centrifuge, and said centrifuge
further comprises a movable locking plate that is movable
between free and locking positions, wherein said plate
allows said container to assume said first orientation when
in said free position and holds said container in said
predetermined position when in said locking position.

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